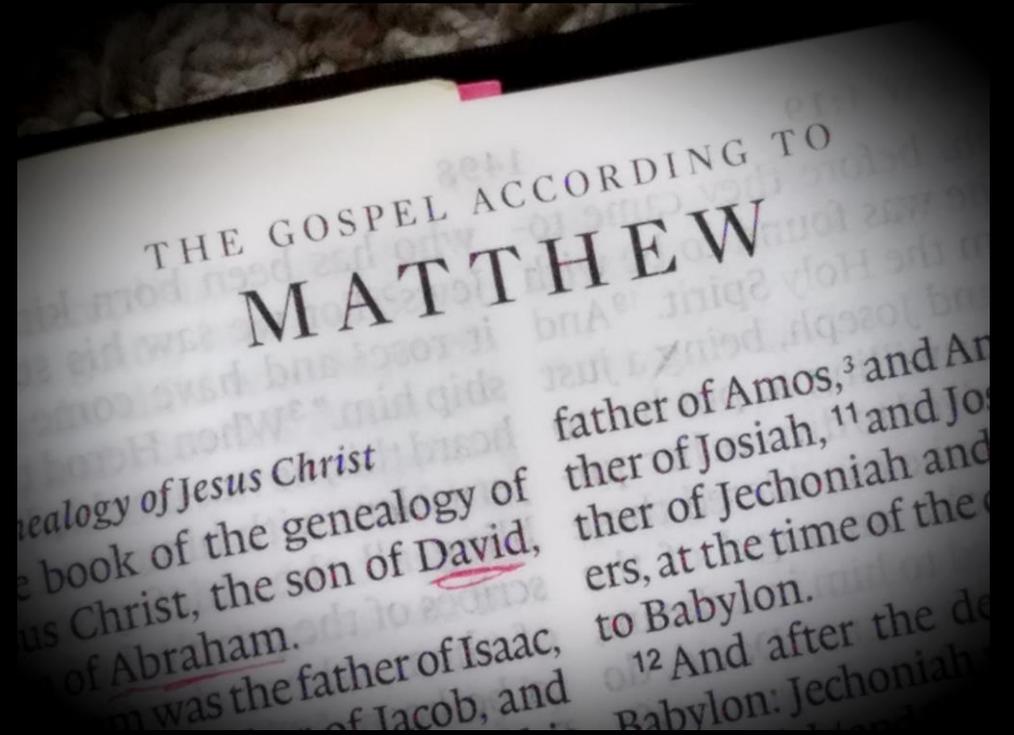


Verse by Verse

Matthew 16



Previously in Matthew

- In Matthew 14

1. The Bible allows for our desires but asks us to train them.
2. Some desires are good, some bad and some neutral.

- In Matthew 15

1. Do not let traditions rule over the Word of God.
2. Jesus provided for both the needs of Jews and Gentiles.

Matthew 16 Introduction

1. The intentions and motives of heart shape our view of Jesus.
2. Who we think Jesus is our most important view.

Matthew 16 Outline

1. Religious Leaders Seek a Sign 16:1-4
2. Beware of False Doctrines 16:5-12
3. Who is Jesus 16:13-20
4. Jesus Predicts His Death 16:21-23
5. Cost of Discipleship 16:24-28

Religious Leaders Seek a Sign 16:1-4

- Pharisees are legalist and hold to strict traditions, we might call them conservative.
- Sadducees did not believe in angels, resurrection, nor most of old testament, we might call them liberals.

Religious Leaders Seek a Sign 16:1-4

- To reveal to His enemies their own dishonesty and stubborn blindness. They could examine the evidence in God's world and draw valid conclusions, but they would not examine the evidence He had presented. His enemies would not believe, and therefore they could not believe Warren Wiersbe

Religious Leaders Seek a Sign 16:1-4

- The hearts of the Pharisees and Sadducees heart were hard and there minds were made up.
- Jesus offered them no sign other Jonah
- This is same response to Matthew 12

Religious Leaders Seek a Sign 16:1-4

- Lets compare Jesus response to religious elite with that of John the Baptist skepticism
- *And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. **Matt 11:2-5 NKJV***

Religious Leaders Seek a Sign 16:1-4

- The greatest sign we have is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Beware of False Doctrines

16:5-12

- Why did the disciples misunderstand Jesus?
- Leaven is used to represent evil and wickedness

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- False Doctrines are like cancer they spread and turn healthy churches unhealthy.

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- *Christ is Jesus title it means anointed one.*

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- Who or What is your foundation built on.

Jesus Predicts His Death

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- Jesus predicts his death and gets rebuked.
- Can you rebuke your Lord

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- lose your life for His sake
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- keep your soul
- share His reward and glory

- live for yourself
- ignore the cross
- follow the world
- save your life for your sake
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16:24-28

- You don't lose a seed when you plant it, though it seems dead and buried. Instead, you set the seed free to be what it was always intended to be. David Guzik

Conclusion

- We need to have a heart that seeks God.
- Who Jesus is the most important decision we make.

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- This is the question placed before all who hear of Jesus; and it is we, not He, who are judged by our answer. In fact, we answer this question every day by what we believe and do. If we really believe Jesus is who He says He is, it will affect the way that we live.
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that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9